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SUBJECT: FUNDING FOR NARCOTICS COORDINATOR MOVE TO NEW QUARTERS

REF STATE 179463, BOGOTA 6519

1. APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT RESPONSE TO SUBJECT FUNDING REQUEST. POST HAS EXAMINED OPTIONS SUGGESTED BY DEPARTMENT TO RESOLVE SECRETARIAL SERVICES ISSUE AND FINDS FOLLOWING:

A. SINCE ARRIVAL OF NARCOTICS COORDINATOR IN MARCH 1975 WE HAVE ATTEMPTED TO RESHUFFLE SECRETARIAL ASSIGNMENTS WITHIN EXISTING PERSONNEL CEILING TO MEET INCREASING NARCOTICS WORKLOAD. THESE EFFORTS HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED. POST SIMPLY DOES NOT HAVE ENOUGH SECRETARIES TO STRETCH ACROSS GAP.

B. DISPATCHING TYPING FROM NARCOTICS OFFICE TO EMBASSY WOULD DEFEAT PURPOSE OF MOVING NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND NARCOTICS ADVISORS INTO NEW QUARTERS ALONG WITH DEA. MOVE IS INTENDED TO CONSOLIDATE NARCO OPERATIONS IN ONE PLACE AND THEREBY ACHIEVE MORE EFFECTIVE PROGRAM COORDINATION AMONG STATE, AID, AND DEA. SENDING TYPING TO EMBASSY OR TO AID NEGATES ADVANTAGES GAINED FROM MOVE. IN ADDITION, IT WOULD CONTINUE TO OVERLOAD SECRETARIES IN OTHER SECTIONS WHO ALREADY HAVE OTHER PRIORITY CHORES.

C. WE HAVE ALSO REQUESTED DEA TO PROVIDE HALF-TIME SERVICES TO NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AND TWO NARCOTICS

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ADVISORS. DEA DECLINES TO CONSIDER THIS OPTION ON GROUNDS

THAT ITS THREE SECRETARIES ARE BARELY ABLE TO KEEP ABREAST
OF CASE LOADS GENERATED BY SIX AGENTS. MOREOVER,
DEA CONTENDS THAT IT UNDER NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE
SERVICES TO AID AND STATE.

2. IN LIGHT OF ABOVE, REQUEST DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER OUR
SUGGESTION (BOGOTA 6519) THAT WE BE AUTHORIZED LOCAL HIRE
AMERICAN SECRETARY AT THE FSS-9 LEVEL. THIS SECRETARY
WOULD REPLACE THE LOCAL SECRETARY CURRENTLY EMPLOYED BY
THE AID NARCOTICS ADVISOR'S OFFICE AND PROVIDE SECRE-
TARIAL SERVICES TO THE NARCOTICS COORDINATOR AS WELL AS
TWO AID NARCOTICS ADVISORS.

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